

Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently amended) A method for integrating a third-party system with an online meeting system, the method comprising:
 - providing a service provider interface (SPI) defining a plurality of procedures for communicating with a meeting services application of the online meeting system;
 - implementing one of the procedures of the SPI in by a third-party software module of the third-party system, the third-party software module performing to perform, when executed, a meeting-related operation customized in accordance with the third-party system; and receiving, from calling by the meeting service application, a call to the implemented SPI procedure of the third-party software module to perform the meeting-related operation, thereby integrating the meeting-related operation, customized in accordance with the third-party system, into the online meeting system.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the called SPI procedure notifies the software module of a proposed transaction of an event in the online meeting system to enable the software module to perform the meeting-related operation before the event occurs.
3. (Original) The method of claim 2, further comprising prohibiting the occurrence of the event in response to performing the meeting-related operation implemented by the called SPI procedure.
4. (Original) The method of claim 3, further comprising redirecting by the called SPI procedure a user of the online meeting system to an error page in response to prohibiting the event.

5. (Currently amended) The method of claim 2, further comprising
modifying meeting-related information associated with the proposed
transaction of an event in response to performing the meeting-related
operation implemented by the called SPI procedure.
6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the called SPI procedure
notifies the software module of an event that has occurred in the online
meeting system to enable the software module to perform the meeting-
related operation in response to the occurrence of that event.
7. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising installing a new
software module that implements one of the SPI procedures, and
dynamically integrating the new software module to the meeting services
application without stopping the online meeting system.
8. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the ~~step of calling~~
call to the implemented SPI procedure ~~is~~ occurs in response to receiving
a user request to create, edit, or delete a meeting.
9. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the ~~step of calling~~
call to the implemented SPI procedure ~~is~~ occurs in response to detecting
a state change of a running meeting.
10. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising defining
a first class that implements the SPI and a second class that extends the
first class and implements the called SPI procedure that performs the
customized ~~method-related~~ meeting-related operation.

11. (Currently amended) An online meeting system, comprising a server system having memory for storing program code and a processor for executing the program code, the program code including:
- a meeting service application for providing online meeting services for users communicating with the online meeting system over a network connection;
 - a service provider interface (SPI) defining a plurality of procedures for communicating with the meeting services application; and
 - a third-party software module of a third-party system implementing one of the procedures of the SPI to perform a meeting-related operation customized in accordance with ~~a~~ the third-party system when the procedure is called by the meeting service application.
12. (Original) The online meeting system of claim 11, wherein the implemented SPI procedure, when called, notifies the software module of a proposed transaction of an event in the online meeting system to enable the software module to perform the meeting-related operation before the event occurs.
13. (Original) The online meeting system of claim 12, wherein the implemented SPI procedure includes program code for throwing an exception to prohibit the occurrence of the event in response to performing the meeting-related operation.
14. (Original) The online meeting system of claim 11, wherein the called SPI procedure notifies the software module of an event that has occurred in the online meeting system to enable the software module to perform the meeting-related operation in response to the occurrence of that event.

15. (Original) The online meeting system of claim 11, wherein the server system includes a means of storing software modules to be integrated in the online meeting system, and wherein the meeting services application periodically accesses the storage means to install dynamically any software module newly added to the storage means without stopping the online meeting system.
16. (Original) The online meeting system of claim 11, further comprising program code defining a first class that implements the plurality of procedures of the SPI and a second class that extends the first class and provides a customized implementation of one of the SPI procedures defined in the first class.
17. (Currently amended) An apparatus for integrating a third-party system with an online meeting system, the apparatus comprising:
- means for providing a service provider interface (SPI) defining a plurality of procedures for communicating with a meeting services application of the online meeting system;
 - means for implementing one of the procedures of the SPI ~~in by a~~ third-party software module of the third-party system, the third-party software module performing to perform, when executed, a meeting-related operation customized in accordance with the third party system; and
 - means for ~~receiving, from calling by~~ the meeting service application, ~~a call to~~ the implemented SPI procedure of the ~~third-party~~ third-party software module to perform the meeting-related operation, and thereby to integrate the meeting-related operation, customized in accordance with the third-party system, into the online meeting system.

- 1 18. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the means for
2 ~~ealling~~ receiving the call to the implemented SPI procedure includes
3 means for notifying the software module of a proposed transaction of an
4 event in the online meeting system to enable the software module to
5 perform the meeting-related operation before the event occurs.
- 1 19. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the means for
2 ~~ealling~~ receiving the call to the implemented SPI procedure includes
3 means for prohibiting the occurrence of the event in response to
4 performing the meeting-related operation.
- 1 20. (Original) The apparatus of claim 17, further comprising means for
2 defining a first class that implements the plurality of procedures of the
3 SPI and a second class that extends the first class and provides a
4 customized implementation of one of the SPI procedures defined in the
5 first class.
- 1 21. (Currently amended) A computer program product for use with a
2 computer system, the computer program product comprising a computer
3 ~~useable~~ readable medium having embodied therein program code
4 comprising:
5 program code for providing a service provider interface (SPI)
6 defining a plurality of procedures for communicating with a meeting
7 services application of ~~the~~ an online meeting system;
8 program code for implementing one of the procedures of the SPI in
9 by a third-party software module of a third-party system, the third-party
10 software module performing to perform, when executed, a meeting-
11 related operation customized in accordance with the third party system;
12 and

program code for receiving, from calling by the meeting service application, a call to the implemented SPI procedure of the third-party software module to perform the meeting-related operation, and thereby to integrate the meeting-related operation, customized in accordance with the third-party system, into the online meeting system.

22. (Currently amended) The computer program product of claim 21, wherein the program code for calling for receiving the call to the implemented SPI procedure includes program code for notifying the software module of a proposed transaction of an event in the online meeting system to enable the software module to perform the meeting-related operation before the event occurs.

23. (Currently amended) The computer program product of claim 22, wherein the program code for calling for receiving the call to the implemented SPI procedure includes program code for prohibiting the occurrence of the event in response to performing the meeting-related operation.

24. (Original) The computer program product of claim 21, further comprising program code for defining a first class that implements the plurality of procedures of the SPI and a second class that extends the first class and provides a customized implementation of one of the SPI procedures defined in the first class.

25-28. (Canceled)